



# MAY 2015

## PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK

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Memories made naturally.

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### SATURDAY, MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **10:00am – 12:30pm – Wampum Workshop: Loom-style Bracelet Beading –**

Join historic interpreter, Jessica Diemer-Eaton for this beginner weaving workshop. All supplies provided, including a wooden loom you can take home. Cost is \$30. Pre-register by calling 765-567-4919. **Meet at the Visitor Center.**



**10:30am – Welcome Back Wildflowers Hike:** Join us for a wonderful wildflower hike. Each season showcases some of the park's most beautiful flowers, and we'll get an up-close look at some.

**Meet at East End Parking Lot near Basketball Court.**

**2:00pm – 4:00pm – Gathering Greens at the Village** - Spring is the time for gathering fresh young green plants from the woodlands. Greens can be eaten raw or cooked in a pot over a fire. Join us at the village and taste what the woodlands have to offer. **Park at the Visitor Center and cross the road (for shorter walking distance) or park at the Farm and walk the trails back to the village.**



### SUNDAY MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>



**10:00am – Breakfast with the Box Turtle** - After you've had your breakfast, join the naturalist as she offers the resident box turtle her favorite foods – a wiggling worm or some fruit. **Meet at the Campground Shower Building.**

**2:00pm - Gibson Farmhouse Tour** – Join us at the historic farm house and discover family life in this kit home. We'll even have some tea and cookies for you to enjoy. **Meet on the Farmhouse Porch.**

### SATURDAY, MAY 9<sup>th</sup>

**10:00am – Heritage in Your Hands** – Join staff and volunteers at **The Farm** as they start to assemble their garden. Find out which varieties of vegetables they'll be growing this year. You'll be able help with planting.

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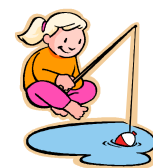
**SATURDAY, MAY 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 4:00pm**  
**Native Wildflower and Plant Sale** Stop by  
 the Visitor Center where you can shop right out of the greenhouse.  
 All wildflowers are native to Indiana and are great growers. Prices  
 start at \$2 per plant.



**SATURDAY, MAY 16<sup>th</sup> FREE FISHING DAY & "Kids to Parks" Day**

**10:00am – Feeding Frenzy** – After you've had your breakfast, come watch our nature center critters gobble down their favorite foods. **Visitor Center**

**2:00pm – Free Fishing Fun**– Never been fishing? Now is your chance to try it without needing a license. Practice your technique and learn some fishing tips. We'll have some bait and a few extra poles on hand. Parents must accompany children. **Meet at East End Parking Lot near Basketball Court.**



**SUNDAY, MAY 17<sup>th</sup>**

**2:00-4:00pm - Prophetstown Village: Natural Cordage and Twining** – Winter has dried out many plants, and we'll put them to good use. Plants' fibers can be strong, soft, and more. Stop by and try your hand at twining – make a bracelet to take home. **Park at the Visitor Center and cross the road (for shorter walking distance) or park at the Farm and walk the trails back to the village.**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00 – 3:00pm – Walking Sticks & Wildflowers** – Join us for a Wednesday's in the Wild program at Prophetstown State Park. You'll be able to make your own walking stick and then put it to use during a short wildflower walk. There is a \$5/walking stick fee, which covers all materials and tools provided. Space is limited. **Meet at East End Parking Lot near Basketball Court.**

**SATURDAY, MAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

**10:00am - Digital Scavenger Hunt** - Stop by the **Visitor Center** and pick-up your scavenger hunt list. Return within one hour, show your photos to the naturalist, and collect your prize!

**2:00pm – Prophetstown Prairie to Village Hike:** On this easy hike to the village, we'll learn about the importance of living where the two rivers meet and discover how Prophetstown got its name. You'll be able to tour the council house and other buildings. **Meet at Visitor Center.**

**7:30pm – Reptiles Rule!** – Warmer weather welcomes back certain critters. Get up close and personal with the park's cold-blooded critters. Discover what makes them unique and why they call this park home. **Bring your camp chair, and meet at the Campground Shower Building.**



**SUNDAY, MAY 24<sup>th</sup> MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

**10:00am – It's All Fun and Games** –There was still time to be a kid, even on a working farm. Join us in the **Farmhouse** to learn some fun games AND make a cool toy to take home. Supplies are limited.

**1:00-4:00pm – Prophetstown Village: Fire Starting Techniques -** Fire is an essential part of life – it provides heat, cooks food, and can be an integral part of ceremonies. Discover some of the methods of fire starting- from the ancient to the modern – and then try your hand at it. **Park at the Visitor Center and cross the road (for shorter walking distance) or park at the Farm and walk the trails back to the village.**

**8:00pm – A Hoot of a Hike** – Several owl species call Prophetstown home. Join us on this dusk hike, and we'll even try to call some in. **Meet at the Campground Shower Building.**



## MONDAY, MAY 25<sup>th</sup> MEMORIAL DAY



**10:00am- Buzzing Bees** – As the summer approaches, we'll see more and more bumblebees. Discover their , we can still keep the sights and sounds of our insect friends around us. Make and take home your own buzzing bee noise maker. **Meet at the Campground Shower Building**

**2:00pm – Geocache Dash** – Join us on this easy hike for beginning geocachers. Bring your GPS unit or phone app if you have it, but we'll have one to use too. **Meet at East End Parking Lot near Basketball Court.**

## SATURDAY, MAY 30<sup>th</sup>

**10:00am – Creek Critters** – Discover what types of aquatic animals call these waterways home. We'll try to find some of them down by the creek – wear shoes that you don't mind getting wet. **Meet at the Prairie View Picnic Area Comfort Station**

**2:00-4:00pm – Native American Gardening at the Village:** Join us at the Native American village as we welcome warmer weather and fix-up the garden. We'll repair the fence, weed, and hopefully put in some heritage variety plants. **Park at the Farm and walk the trail back to the village, or park at the Visitor Center and carefully cross the road.**

**7:30pm-Animals Do the Grossest Things** – We all know there are animals that can run fast and fly high, but did you know there are some animals that excel at being gross? Discover which animals do it best during this fun, interactive program. **Meet at Campground Shower Building.**



## SUNDAY, MAY 31<sup>st</sup>

**10:00am – Predators, Pellets, and Prey** – Discover the world of eat or be eaten during this hands-on programs. You'll also have the opportunity to dissect an owl pellet and discover what it's been eating. **Meet at the Campground Shower Building.**

**2:00pm – Friends on the Farm** – Meet some of the newest members of the farm. Get up close and person, and learn why farm animals are so important. **Meet on the Farmhouse Porch.**

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## Visit The Farm today! Open 10am to 4pm daily.

**Tour the historic house, walk through the barns, meet the animals, and more.**

*The Farm at Prophetstown is a separate partnering agency that runs a not-for-profit 125-acre farm within Prophetstown State Park. Their small but dedicated staff is here each day to enhance your experience. Learn more about their programs and events at [www.prophetstown.org](http://www.prophetstown.org)*

